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Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame Facts

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Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame & Western Heritage Center

- In February of 2003, Wolf Point, Montana was designated by legislation as the future home of the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame
- The Museum will be built on 29 acres of land donated by the Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture
- Current financial commitment for architect and building: Roosevelt County \$10,000 and Assiniboine Sioux Tribal Enterprise \$10,000
- MCHF license plate sales, earmarked for the building fund has generated over \$69,900 to date. Memberships to date total over \$19,500
- Collector license plates and clocks available, with delivery across the United States and as far away as Europe
- In-kind volunteer hours and donations to the "Tack Room" office equipment and furniture, gift shop as well as research, training, labor, property, financial gifting and other total over \$489.700
- Grant writers and grants currently in place and being sought for architect design, marketing, public relations efforts, statewide meetings and trusteeship. The preliminary engineers report is completed
- The Strategic Plan is now completed, Business Plan near completion, the Logo design is finalized and preliminary architect is in place
- Partnering with the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, a 10 year project that opened the summer of 2005 and the Montana Pro Rodeo Hall & Wall of Fame
- Grassroots fundraising has totaled more than \$56,000. The Albertson's Community Partners to date has generated over \$6,000 and remains an on going effort welcoming you to participate in to help build the Museum
- Interim Executive Director hired and Board of Directors now in place representing Montana from Sidney to Havre and Scobey to Brockway for the year 2007. MCHF Media Director on board
- Board of Trustees, from 12 Districts, being developed that will represent all of Montana in the nomination and induction process as well as join with the Board in efforts to attract membership, fundraise and help to build the MCHF&WHC; currently 81 Trustees have been approved
- Committees now set up to represent Building, Grants, Memorials, Fundraising/Sponsorship, Membership, Public Relations/Marketing and Trustees
- The MCHF is unable to take any collections at this time; encouraging those who desire to offer a donation to the Museum to designate a family member or trusted friend to carry out your wishes or perhaps include your intent in a will
- Support may be made through a tax deductible donation, a donors will, designation of a memorial or other gifts of property by contacting the MCHF&WHC at 218 Third Ave So Suite C Wolf Point, Montana 59201

- We welcome your attendance at the monthly planning meeting held in Wolf Point the last Tuesday evening of each month
- Website <u>www.montanacowboyfame.com</u> with new construction planned
- For membership, committee and general information, please contact us as (406) 653-3800 or 392-5517; email cowboys@nemont.net